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For : MACHINE AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A FIBER  
MATERIAL WEB

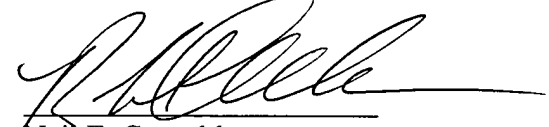
**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon German Application No. 198 60 687.7, filed December 29, 1998. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, a certified copy of the German application has been filed in parent Application No. 09/471,369, filed December 23, 1999. A verified English Language Translation of German Application No. 198 60 687.7, filed December 29, 1998 is hereby attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
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